and Regional Laboratories over the last two decades; and

(e) if so, the remedial measures the C.S.I.R. propose to take on such issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, AND SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The new Director-General, CSIR has decided to give further impetus to industry-oriented research, which has been the mandate of CSIR since inception, with a view to assisting the Indian industry to meet the challenges of global competitiveness in the changed economic scenario.

(b) and (c) CSIR has performed its assigned role in consonance with national needs, priorities and government policies in vogue from time to time. Since in early seventies, the emphasis was on technological self-reliance and import substitution by industry, CSIR's efforts were directed towards developing technologies for industry to manufacture indigenously items that were then being imported such as, agro chemicals tractors, glass and ceramics, food articles etc. The new ecnomic policies of the government have enjoined upon CSIR a different role, not only in becoming self-sustaining but also helping the Indian industry to figure prominently on the global economic scene. CSIR efforts are, therefore, directed to meet this end.

(d) and (e) It is true that the earning capacity of the laboratories differs depending upon their S&T specialisation. The emphasis will remain on generating more financial resources externally by each laboratory so as to reduce their dependence on governemnt funding by evolving suitable mechanisms.

Non-payment of wages to employees of Jessop Co.

524. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the six thousand workers and employees of the Jessop Company in West Bengal, a taken over Central Government Undertaking, have not been paid salaries and wages since March last;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this case has been referred to BIFR;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the company has been denied working capital by all nationalised banks and public sector financial institutions;

(d) if so, whether Government have since made a case study thereof;

(e) if so, the results thereof; and

(f) what steps Government propose to take for the speedy revival of the unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The employees of Jessop & Co. have been paid wages & salary upto May '95.

(b) Jessop & Co. Ltd. has been referred to BIFR.

(c) to (f) The Company have been incurring losses for the last three years. The cash credit account of the company has become irregular. As a result, the company is unable to obtain additional working capital from the consortium of banks. BIFR has appointed SBI as the Operating Agency. The future of Jessop & Co. will be dependent on the decision of BIFR.

Loss of Lives Due to Malaria

525. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people